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NEWS



Pictured above is the Friends Community School performing at last year's City Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the University of Maryland Chapel.

HONORING A PROFOUND LEGACY

Join us for the 27th Annual City of College Park Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. at The Clarice's Kay Theatre located on the University of Maryland campus. This inspirational and educational event is free and for all ages.

The City's annual event honors Dr. King's legacy through a keynote address, performances, art and a City proclamation. Every year a new theme is selected, showcasing how his work still impacts our nation and community, and what we can do to continue his efforts in our current era.

This year's theme is "We Live Together or Perish" presented by the 2018 Keynote Speaker Jennifer B. Jones. Ms. Jones is a business strategist, legislative advocate, writer and speaker. Mayor Wojahn will read the City's proclamation at the event.

Artwork and performances from local groups, schools and community organizations are a prominent feature of the Tribute event. This year, Friends Community School, the Talent Group for Children, B'hai Chorale, SGI Chorus and more will be performing during the event. Stay after the event for a brief reception and an opportunity to meet and talk to the performers.

Free event parking is available nearby in University Lots 1b and Z all day on Saturdays (excluding home football games). These lots are about a 2-5 minute walk to the venue. There are also paid parking options in the Stadium Drive Garage as well.

At the January 9 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting, the Mayor will read a proclamation about this year's event and Dr. King's legacy. Residents can live-stream the Regular Meeting and the proclamation on the City's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov under Mayor and Council. Council Meetings are also broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 25.

For more event information or to share with your friends and neighbors, please visit the City's [Facebook event page](#) or [Eventbrite page](#).

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas Tree Recycling will occur in the month of January by the Department of Public Works. Trees will be collected by appointment only.

To request a pickup, please call the Department at 240-487-3590. Please remove all decorations and place the tree at the curb for collection.

Collected trees are recycled into mulch which the City uses for playgrounds and landscaping. Residents can also purchase the mulch from the City to use for a variety of gardening needs.



CITY DISTRIBUTES MORE THAN 300 COLD WEATHER ITEMS

Amazing news! Thanks to the great generosity of College Park residents, the City of College Park collected more than 300 cold weather items during this year's One Warm Coat Drive.

About 200 coats and more than 100 hats, gloves,

scarves and other items were donated to neighbors in need this winter. "Once again, our College Park community shines because of its kindness and generosity; their donations truly help those in need keep warm this winter" said Scott Somers, City Manager.



This year's One Warm Coat Drive exceeded last year's previous record of more than 200 items donated. The City's Department of Youth, Family and Senior Services has already begun distributing the items to local residents and families. Once again, ZIPS Dry Cleaners in Downtown College Park graciously cleaned the donated coats at no cost.

The City thanks its residents for their caring and generosity during this holiday season and wishes a happy and warm holiday season to all.

TROLLEY TRAIL WAYFINDING KIOSKS

Trolley Trail users will now be able to find more places to go! The City of College Park, Town of Riverdale Park and City of Hyattsville are each installing wayfinding kiosks (pictured on the right) along the Rhode Island Trolley Trail. These kiosks will help those along the 3.8 mile trail better find connecting trails and local amenities.

College Park's kiosk will be located on northern side of Campus Drive near the pedestrian crossing. Signage will be placed on two sides of the kiosk. One side will feature a large regional map and list regional trails and destinations, while the other side will focus on points of interest located within College Park (like locations of restrooms, restaurants, shops and more).

Funding for the kiosks was obtained by the Hyattsville CDC from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. The City's kiosk is likely to be installed by early spring.

For more information about the new kiosks and the Trolley Trail, please visit: <http://marylandmilestones.org/trolleytrail>.



WELCOME TO THE NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL

On Tuesday, December 12, the City celebrated the inauguration and swearing-in ceremony of its 2017-2019 Mayor and Council. Here is a brief introduction to the City's Mayor and Council!

This is Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn's second term as Mayor, after serving for eight years on the City Council. He has lived with his husband in College Park for 14 years. Wojahn was a founding member of the College Park Community Foundation and College Park Day, and has served on the Board of Directors for the College Park Community Food Bank and Equality Maryland.



First Row: Councilmember Monroe Dennis, Councilmember Fazlul Kabir, Councilmember Denise Mitchell and Councilmember Kate Kennedy.

Second Row: Councilmember Dustyn Kujawa, Councilmember John Rigg, Mayor Patrick Wojahn, Councilmember Robert Day and Councilmember P. J. Brennan.

Councilmember S. M. Fazlul Kabir is a four-term City Councilmember representing District 1. He and his family have lived in the Hollywood area of College Park for more than 14 years. Prior to serving on City Council, Kabir held the position of Secretary for the North College Park Community Association for four terms and was a founding member of College Park Day and the Hollywood Farmers Market.

Newly-elected Councilmember Kate Kennedy also represents District 1 and has lived in College Park with her husband since 2014. She serves as Treasurer for the College Park Community Foundation and previously served as Vice-Chair of the City's Advisory Planning Commission.

Representing District 2 since 2014, Councilmember P.J. Brennan and his husband have lived in College Park since 2011. Brennan is the Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee and the Seniors Committee, and Chair of the College Park City-University Partnership's Housing and Development Committee.

Also representing District 2, Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Monroe Dennis has lived in the City since the mid-1990s. Dennis serves on the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee and previously served as President of the Lakeland Civic Association.

Councilmember Robert W. Day is a four-term City Councilmember representing District 3. He and his wife and sons have lived in College Park for 20 years. Prior to serving on Council, Day was the President of

the College Park Estates Civic Association, Chair of the Rent Stabilization Board, member of the Noise Control Board, two-term former Chair of the Advisory Planning Commission, and Vice Chair and Chair of the City Redistricting Commission.

Newly-elected District 3 Councilmember John Rigg has lived in College Park since 2007. He has served as the President of the Calvert Hills Citizen's Association for five years, a Commissioner of the City's Advisory Planning Commission, and is a volunteer paramedic.

Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell of District 4 previously served on City Council from 2009-2015 (as Mayor Pro Tem from 2013-2015). She and her family have lived in College Park since 1975. Mitchell has served in the National League of Cities, Maryland Municipal League and the Prince George's County Municipal Association. Mitchell was previously on the Board of Directors of the West College Park Civic Association and Chair of the Education Advisory Committee.

This is Councilmember Kujawa's second term as Councilmember of District 4. She has lived in College Park for ten years. Prior to her roles as Councilmember, Kujawa served on the College Park Woods Pool Board, the College Park Redistricting Commission, and was a Co-Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch.

The City welcomes its 2017-2019 Mayor and Council and looks forward to its leadership. There is "even more to come in College Park. What we do over the next two years is really going to shape [the City]" said Mayor Wojahn.

WINTER IS COMING...

While it may be the motto of House Stark (from Game of Thrones), with December here, winter really is coming to College Park. So unless you are the Mother of Dragons (#khaleesi) who can summon dragons to melt away the ice and snow, here are the steps the City will take during a snow emergency. #BraceYourselves [Que theme music]

1. Snow removal equipment and the Night's Watch will be dispatched to predetermined routes when snow, ice or White Walkers are imminent. Salting operations (aided by the queen of salt herself, Olenna Tyrell) will begin at the onset of precipitation.
2. Snow removal routes are divided into primary and secondary streets as decreed by the Order of Maesters. Primary streets will be treated and/or cleared first, followed by secondary streets (unless it's time for Cersei's Walk of Atonement, then all roads become secondary to shame).
3. When snow reaches, or threatens to reach 2 inch depths and begins to form The Wall, plowing operations will commence. Salt will be used only after streets have been plowed by Giants to 1 inch snow depths.
4. Initially, one lane will be plowed on all streets to make them passable for attendees to Purple and



Red Weddings. As conditions allow, the travel lane on the streets will be widened and plowed as close to the curb as possible, allowing the Dothraki to pass through.

- To assist with plowing, please park your vehicles and direwolves on the even side of the road.
5. City parking lots, Winterfell and Casterly Rock will be plowed and treated with salt or Sand Snakes as needed.

Updates during snow events:

The Department of Public Works and the Unsullied are staffed around the clock during snow events. Please visit the City's website, Facebook Page, Twitter or messenger ravens for updates during weather events. For questions or more information, please call 240-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov.



A NEW SIDEWALK IN CALVERT HILLS

Construction of a brand new eight-foot wide sidewalk along Baltimore Avenue between Albion Road and Riverdale Park Station began in late December.

Weather permitting, the sidewalk should be finished by the end of February or early March.

The new sidewalk will make walking and biking between Riverdale Park Station (where Whole Foods, District Taco, Starbucks and other restaurants and stores are) and the Downtown College Park area easy, convenient and safe.

The Trolley Trail also connects to the Riverdale Park Station, making it very easy to get to via bicycle.



COLD WEATHER PET SAFETY TIPS

Here are some excellent cold weather tips to keep your furry family members safe and warm this winter.

For more cold weather tips or other pet information, please visit www.collegeparkmd.gov/animalcontrol.

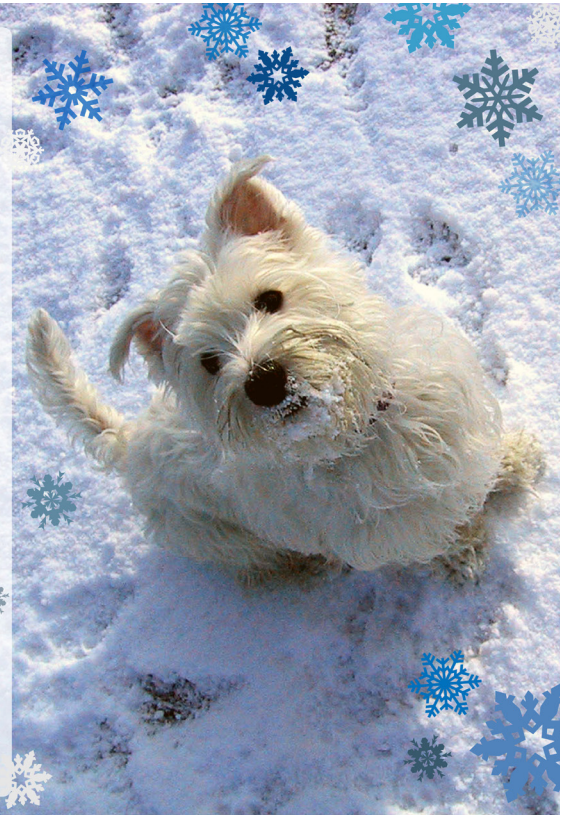
COLD WEATHER PET SAFETY TIPS

As cold weather starts to hit our area, here are some helpful pet safety tips to keep your furry family members safe and warm this winter.

1. Provide warm shelter for your pets - keep them inside if you can, or make sure their outdoor shelters are enclosed, weatherproof and has warm bedding
2. Make sure that your pet has access to clean, non-frozen, potable water
3. Keep dogs on leashes when walking - dogs can easily become lost and disoriented due to a reduction in scent cues on the ground (and it's against the law!)
4. Dispose of antifreeze properly and thoroughly clean up spills - it's poisonous to animals!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK TRIBUTE TO
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018
4:00 - 6:00p.m.
Kay Theatre, The Clarice
University of Maryland College Park

**WE LIVE TOGETHER
OR PERISH**

Keynote Speaker
JENNIFER B. JONES
Business Strategist, Legislative Advocate,
Writer & Speaker



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Organized by the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Committee

CITY TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
KAY THEATRE, THE CLARICE
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at The Clarice's Kay Theatre on Saturday, January 13. Featuring performances from local schools, groups and community organizations and a keynote address by Jennifer B. Jones, a legislative advocate, business strategist, writer and speaker.

Please [click here](#) for the Facebook event page.

FAMILY FUN BOWLING BASH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
AMF COLLEGE PARK LANES
9021 BALTIMORE AVE

The City of College Park's Recreation Board invites you bring your family and to join us for unlimited bowling (plus shoe rental), pizza and soda on January 28. It's just

\$5 per person for the first 100 College Park residents (then just \$10 per person after that). No reservations are required and a limited number of lanes have gutter guards.

For more information, please call the Department of Public Services at 240-487-3570 or [click here](#).



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Family Fun Bowling Bash

Sunday, January 28
1:00 - 4:00 pm

AMF College Park Lanes
9021 Baltimore Ave

\$5 a person
for the first 100 residents!
Includes: unlimited bowling shoe rental, soda & pizza
\$10 a person after

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY AFTER-HOURS HOTLINE

Did you know that the City has an After Hours Hotline that residents can call? For issues with noise, downed trees and more, residents can call 240-487-3588 to report any non-emergency issues. For all emergencies, please continue to call 9-1-1.

TRAFFIC ALERTS – UMD SPORTING EVENTS

Please be aware of pedestrians along City roads and expect heavier traffic throughout the day and evening for the following UMD events:

- 1/7 at 8:00, UMD Basketball vs. Iowa
- 1/18 at 8:30, UMD Basketball vs. Minnesota
- 1/28 at 1:00, UMD Basketball vs. Michigan State

All times are p.m.

Please Drive Smart, Bicycle Smart and Walk Smart!

CITY OFFICES CLOSED JANUARY 15

All City offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Refuse and recycling collections will shift forward one day (Monday collections will occur on Tuesday, Tuesday collections on Wednesday, and so forth) and special collections will only occur on Friday that week.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

The Department of Public Works will do final City-wide leaf collection during the first two weeks of January (weather permitting). Look for posted signs in your neighborhood for potential collection dates. Collection schedules are tentative; the calendar is updated each Friday. Please refer to the City website and click on Curbside Leaf Collection on the left side under "Latest News" or contact Public Works at 240-487-3590 for the most updated information.

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After the final leaf vacuuming occurs, yard waste collections will resume on your regular collection day. Yard waste is leaves, grass and soft clippings. Use paper yard trim bags or reusable containers with a City yard trim decal (decals can be pick up for free at any City building.)

SNOW AND ICE

Department of Public Works crews plow and salt City streets and City parking lots to clear snow and ice. Some things you can do to help with our snow and ice clearing efforts:

- Move parked cars off the street so that snow plows can clear snow to the curb.
- To assist with plowing, please park on the even side of the road.
- Don't forget to clear snow and ice from your driveway or driveway apron - the City is not responsible for clearing snow from those areas. If you remove snow before the trucks are finished plowing, be mindful that you may need to clear your driveway once more.
- Clear snow and ice from the sidewalks, storm drains and fire hydrants in front of your residence.
- Have patience: our crews work around the clock during snow emergencies to clear streets. Our crews will make their way to you.
- Always plan to set your refuse and recycling carts out on your regularly scheduled day during snow events. Refuse and recycling collections may occur later in the day than normal, however you shouldn't expect that collections will be delayed.
- For weather updates, please stay tuned to the City's website, Facebook page and Twitter. For questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 240-487-3590 or email publicworks@collegeparkmd.gov.

WATER MAIN BREAKS

Water main breaks should be reported to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) at 301-206-4002. Please have the physical address of the water main break available when you call.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE PARK TREE AND LANDSCAPE BOARD?

The City is accepting applications for membership on the Tree and Landscape Board (TLB). The TLB works to promote proper landscape and tree maintenance practices by educating and encouraging citizens to promote healthy trees, shrubs and ground cover on private and public lands within City limits.

The TLB works with the City's Department of Public Works to:

- Enhance the beauty of College Park.
- Plant, maintain, or remove trees, shrubs and ground covers in or upon public ways or public areas within the city limits.
- Ensure that the trees, shrubs, and ground covers located on public property are properly installed, maintained, and removed, if necessary.
- Prevent landscape conditions that may result in injury to persons using the public ways and areas or damage to public property.
- Limit the spread of diseases or pests.
- Encourage citizens to adopt practices that promote and protect healthy trees, shrubs and ground covers on private land.

Individuals interested in serving on the TLB should have interest and expertise in gardening, Landscaping, surrounding environment, trees, and wildlife habitat. The TLB usually meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. You may download an application for our website at www.collegeparkmd.gov. For more information, please contact Brenda Alexander at 240-487-3590.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PETITION REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE 9500 BLOCK OF RHODE ISLAND AVENUE (EAST) SERVICE ROAD

The Mayor and Council of the City of College Park will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to take public comment on the petition request to install traffic calming on the 9500 Block of Rhode Island Avenue (East) Service Road. The Public Hearing will be held in the 2nd floor Council Chambers at City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park. All interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard.

A resident petition requesting traffic calming on this block was submitted on August 24, 2017. Following receipt and validation of the petition, the City Engineer conducted a traffic study. The results can be found in the staff report which is posted on the City's web site at www.collegeparkmd.gov (click on "Public Hearing Notice"). The report is also available from the City Clerk's office.

You may park for free in the City Hall parking lot while attending this hearing by displaying a parking pass in your windshield. Passes are available at the window inside the lobby of City Hall. In accordance with the

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Americans With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501 and describe the assistance that is necessary.

If you are unable to appear in person, you may submit written comment prior to the Public Hearing. In order to be received by the Council as part of the record, the comment must include the specific topic to which it relates and the full name and address of the person submitting the comment. Written comment should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing to cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 240-487-3501 and we will be happy to assist you.

MUNICIPAL SCENE

TWO OPTIONS TO STAY IN TOUCH!

EMAIL:

Sign up for "College Park Connected" at www.collegeparkmd.gov/cpconnect. Choose the "General Interest" category to receive the Municipal Scene directly to your inbox every month.

MAIL:

Did you know that College Park residents can receive the Municipal Scene through the mail? Please submit your name and address to the City Clerk's office to get on our mailing list. Contact us at 240-487-3501, or send an email to lroberts@collegeparkmd.gov.

DIRECTORY

City of College Park Main Number.....240-487-3500
City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm

City Hall Departments

Administration.....240-487-3501
City FAX Number.....301-699-8029
Finance.....240-487-3509
Human Resources.....240-487-3533
Parking Enforcement Division.....240-487-3520
Planning/Economic Development.....240-487-3538

Housing Authority

(Attick Towers) 9014 R.I. Ave.301-345-3600

Public Services: 4601A Calvert Rd.....240-487-3570

Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Public Safety
and Recreation. Parking Enforcement is at City Hall.

24 Hour Hotline.....240-487-3588

For Urgent Code Enforcement, Noise Control,
Animal Control Issues.

Public Works: 9217 51st Ave.....240-487-3590

Trash Collection, Recycling and Special Pick-ups.

Senior Program.....301-345-8100

Youth and Family Services

4912 Nantucket Rd.....240-487-3550

Drop-In Recreation Center.....301-345-4425

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Patrick L. Wojahn

5015 Lackawanna Street.....240-988-7763

Councilmember Fazlul Kabir (District 1)

9817 53rd Avenue.....301-659-6295

Councilmember Kate Kennedy (District 1)

9730 51st Avenue.....202-400-1501

Councilmember P. J. Brennan (District 2)

4500 Knox Road.....202-288-5569

Councilmember Monroe S. Dennis (District 2)

8117 51st Avenue.....301-474-6270

Councilmember Robert W. Day (District 3)

7410 Baylor Avenue.....301-741-1962

Councilmember John Rigg (District 3)

6809 Dartmouth Avenue.....443-646-3503

Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell (District 4)

4500 Knox Road.....301-852-8126

Councilmember Dustyn Kujawa (District 4)

9238 Limestone Place.....240-620-2105

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: FIRE-AMBULANCE-POLICE.....911

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICES

P.G. County Police (Hyattsville Station)301-699-2630

P.G. County Police (Non-Emergency) 301-352-1200

P.G. County Park Police (M-NCPPC)..301-459-9088

State Police (College Park Barrack).....301-345-3101

University of Maryland Police.....301-405-3555

College Park Community Center.....301-441-2647

5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park

PEPCO - Power Outages, Lines Down...1-877-737-2662

WSSC: Water Mains.....301-206-4002

Prince George's County Storm Drains.....301-499-8523